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Application No. 10/734,894  
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Youichi ONO et al  
Serial No. : 10/734,894  
Filed : December 12, 2003  
For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
AND PROGRAM  
Art Unit : 2861  
Examiner : Hai Chi Pham

**A M E N D M E N T**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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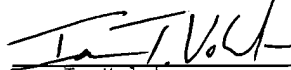
**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1-45 are  
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**Remarks** begin on page 45 of this paper.

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